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SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government have received any further complaints and communications regarding the alleged continued malpractices of the village adhikari?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Even if there has been any complaint, it has not come to the Ministerial level, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, with regard to the complaints against the Village Adhikari, Mooniyoor, I myself conducted an enquiry and took statements and all those things with my remarks were forwarded to the Sub-Collector, Malappuram, Sri P. K. Nambiar, I.A.S. I was also told that the matter is under his consideration. May I know what action was taken on that representation?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think the question refers to a different adhikari."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" He is the same adhikari."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want notice, Sir."

Opening of a hospital at Kundotti, South Malabar.

* 223 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to open a Government Hospital at Kundotti in South Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government received any memorandum from the President of the Village Congress Committee, Kundotti, in this connection?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Director of Medical Services has submitted proposals for the opening of a Government dispensary here. It is proposed to consider this in connection with the Budget."

Inclusion of the Velavaidya community in the list of Backward Classes.

* 224 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any memorandum from the Secretary of Akhila Malabar Velavaidya Sangham, Kozhikode, in June 1954, requesting the Government to include the Velavaidya community in the list of Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Yes. Sir.

" (b) The matter is under consideration."

11-30 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What is the basis on which a particular community is adjudged as an educationally backward community? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" According to the terms of reference, the Backward Classes Commission shall determine the criteria to be adopted in considering whether any section of the people in the territory of India, in addition to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes specified in a notification issued under Article 341 of the Constitution of India, should be treated as socially and educationally backward classes, and in accordance with such criteria, prepare a list of such classes setting out also their approximate numbers and their territorial distribution."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Have the Government finalized any list of backward communities so that it may be considered by the Central Government for recognition on an all-India basis and if so, what concerted efforts were taken to consult leaders of various communities in the State? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Representations containing requests for inclusion in the list of Backward Classes are being examined by the Director of Harijan Welfare and after the Government have received a consolidated list from the Director of Harijan Welfare, this Government will forward the list to the Backward Classes Commission along with their recommendations."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" The second part of my question has not been answered by the Hon. Minister. My question is, what concerted efforts have been made to consult leaders of various communities in the State, because some communities are omitted and some other communities which are not really backward are included in the list of Backward Classes? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sufficient number of organizations and representatives of Backward Classes waited in deputation on the Backward Classes Commission which is aware of the various sections of the people who inhabit this part of the country."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" I know a number of instances where deserving students because they spelt the name of a caste not exactly in the way in which it is given in the notification, are penalized as a result of it. Will the Hon. Minister concerned issue instructions to the departmental officers to see that those poor and deserving students do not suffer on that score? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The question now put by the hon. Member, Dr. Menon has no bearing on the question now under discussion."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" According to the terms of reference given to the All-India Backward Classes Commission which visited South India, a community which is socially and educationally backward should be declared a backward community. Is it a fact that—without meaning any offence to any community—that the Kongu Vellala community in the Coimbatore district represented to them that they are educationally and socially backward and if so, what is the inference which the Government draw from such a kind of representation? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The original question is—

' (a) whether the Government received any memorandum from the Secretary of Akhila Malabar Velavaidya Sangham, Kozhikode, in June 1954, requesting the Government to include Velavaidya community in the list of Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon? '

The hon. Member's question has nothing to do with this question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" My question pertains to that."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" If further information is required, the hon. Member may contact Sri Swayamprakasam, who is a Member of the Backward Classes Commission."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" When I have asked the Hon. Minister to answer it, how can he direct me to another person? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" He should not do it."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" This question will be taken up on the 14th."

Grievances of the Board Elementary School Teachers, Malabar.

* 226 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 2nd March 1954 from the Madayi branch of the Malabar District Board Elementary School Teachers' Union requesting the Government to increase their pay and to make arrangements for the prompt payment of their monthly salary, etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government could not comply with the request of the Union to increase the pay of the District Board teachers, on account of the inadequate finances of the State. As